

FAST AND FURIOUS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fast and Furious: Management Failures at the Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Eric Holder, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

FUTURE OF THE FAMILY FARM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Future of the Family Farm: The Effect of Proposed DOL Regulations on Small Business Producers”. Testimony was heard from Nancy J. Leppink, Deputy Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; Bob Tabb, Deputy Commissioner, West Virginia State Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 7, the “American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

LOWERING UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Lowering the Rate of Unemployment for the National Guard”. Testimony was heard from MG Terry M. Haston, Adjutant General, Tennessee National Guard; MG Timothy E. Orr, Adjutant General, Iowa National Guard; BG Margaret Washburn, Assistant Adjutant General, Indiana National Guard; BG Marianne Watson, Director, Manpower and Personnel, National Guard Bureau; Ronald G. Young, Director, Family and Employer Program and Policy, Department of Defense; Ismael “Junior” Ortiz, Acting Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S DEATH MASTER FILE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the accuracy and uses of the Social Security Administration's Death Master File. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; and public witnesses.

WORLD THREATS

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “World Threats”. This hearing began as an open hearing and moved to a closed hearing. Testimony was heard from James

R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; David Petraeus, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and Robert S. Mueller, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Joint Meetings**TEMPORARY PAYROLL TAX CUT CONTINUATION ACT**

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D65)

H.R. 3237, to amend the SOAR Act by clarifying the scope of coverage of the Act. Signed on February 1, 2012. (Public Law 112–92)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel and Oversight and Investigations, hearing on accountability at Arlington National Cemetery, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “Evaluating Internal Operation and Implementation of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards program (CFATS) by the Department of Homeland Security”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, continue hearing entitled “American Jobs Now: A Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3548, the North American Energy Access Act”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled “Is DHS Effectively Implementing a Strategy to Counter Emerging Threats?”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the following: H.R. 3041, the “Federal Consent Decree Fairness Act” and H.R. 3862, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.